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From: Baker, Todd [Baker.Todd@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/15/2017 8:30:20 PM
To: Pitchford, Ann [Pitchford.Ann@epa.gov]; Andrews, Robert [Andrews.Robert@epa.gov]
CC: Schumacher, Brian [Schumacher.Brian@epa.gov]; Stevens, Caroline [Stevens.Caroline@epa.gov]; Watkins, Tim [Watkins.Tim@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Reuters query on EPA lab closures

Acknowledged.

From: Pitchford, Ann
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 4:10 PM
To: Baker, Todd <Baker.Todd@epa.gov>; Andrews, Robert <Andrews.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Schumacher, Brian <Schumacher.Brian@epa.gov>; Stevens, Caroline <Stevens.Caroline@epa.gov>; Watkins, Tim <Watkins.Tim@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Reuters query on EPA lab closures

Hi, Todd

It is all right with me if you provide my contact information below.

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Just FYI, depending on the nature of the inquiry, I may not respond on official time. I have the option of taking annual leave.

Thanks, Ann

From: Baker, Todd
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 12:43 PM
To: Andrews, Robert <Andrews.Robert@epa.gov>; Pitchford, Ann <Pitchford.Ann@epa.gov>
Cc: Schumacher, Brian <Schumacher.Brian@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Reuters query on EPA lab closures

Robert:

I just saw your message – forwarded to NERL's communication lead, Emily Smith who said she will have to request EPA's press office reply.
There is an existing desk statement but Emily Smith commented she believes the desk statement needs to be updated.

As you already aware, you are not authorized to answer the reporter's questions. Also, do not provide any Union contact information.

(Depending on what press office comes back with, you may be able to provide a referral based on any information the EPA Press office provides.)

Ann:

Regarding the Union response, I don't know your ability to respond.

Regards,

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From: Andrews, Robert

Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 2:05 PM

To: Baker, Todd <Baker.Todd@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Reuters query on EPA lab closures

Good afternoon Todd,

Could you please direct the reporter listed below to the NERL PAO.

Thank you,

Robert

From: devika.kumar@thomsonreuters.com [<mailto:devika.kumar@thomsonreuters.com>]

Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 7:42 AM

To: Andrews, Robert <Andrews.Robert@epa.gov>

Subject: Reuters query on EPA lab closures

Hi Robert,

Hope everything is well. I am a reporter with Reuters and I'm currently working on a story about planned EPA lab closures. There seem to be several that have been announced internally and I was told that the National Exposure Research Laboratory in Las Vegas, NV was one of the labs that were going to be shut over the next year or two when the lease expires. I am hoping to talk to you about what the latest communication from HQ have been like and whether there has been any talks on this recently. It would be great if you could provide details for the story and help me understand how this all came to be. I am also looking to contact the union representative for the region for the story and would really appreciate you pointing me in the right direction and providing me that person's contact info.

I'm on a pretty tight deadline with this so hope to hear back from you as soon as possible. If you'd like to reach me on the phone cell – 646 565 0527 works best for me since I am working remotely this week. Thanks very much!

Bests,

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